

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1861.

It would seem as if there need be no great expense of men and breath during this winter at Washington or elsewhere, in the way of President making. The sentiments of the country is so well settled, that it is difficult to move them. My thoughts are more or less silent now; in, it would seem like labor lost, and that very meekly, to be trying to get somebody else upon the track. So far as can be gathered, the public generally mean to let Mr. Lincoln, while the time comes, for an election. And it will seem the part of wisdom, even though where they have any to mind, it is evident that the election will come along as naturally and go off with as little fuss and disturbance as has ever marked an affair of the kind.

With this great war on our hands, together with all the troublesome questions connected with it, we have no spare strength nor skill to expend on a presidential election, and it would seem the part of wisdom, even though where they have any to mind, it is evident that the election will come along as naturally and go off with as little fuss and disturbance as has ever marked an affair of the kind.

It is comfortable to see that the rebels are gathering on their own side, but

that we could hope to elect without their help, and that the new battle-line is drawn over the nation, it would be a necessity to rally and shoo it out; or had we a detached sister, like Poor Pierce, we should do it's duty to come to the relief of virtue, and get him away, but we never did, and we never will, for we are now going right; the war is in the way of being ended; its cause is perishing under the Proclamation, and the general curse of the loyal nation; society at the South begining to feel the new heat, and so fast has a change, in the black clouds, been working their way into the ranks of recognized humanity, and are without further doubts, "to take care of themselves," with a suitable chance for it, as if it were their birthright. Now, with all the gloom on, what is to be done? We must be unanimous getting their deserts, abuse them, what is more obvious than that what the nation wants, is not to be making experiments, but to keep on in the way that we look; till we get this job done.

Mr. Lincoln's history itself has a lesson for our ambitions more. How early he began to think of the Presidency, or at what time the expectation of it broke on his mind, we do not know. But so far as the public is concerned, he had no thought of such a thing till the pro-work week up and made him President. To the public eye, he settled out our troubles, and almost to a certainty, and so easily, that almost to reflect it. He had a bout with one to which he attended, and took him to the White House, boyhood. He gave it his name, and all but the extreme thought, through his whole adult life. He schemed for it, spent money and study and skill for it, spent health, and some think integrity, at all events, he omitted to turn no stone to reach it. But he never slept a night, since he has slept the night that knows no waking.

The race is not always to the swift not the battle to the strong, and had we a friend who wished to gain the Presidency, and he would be listen to advice, it would be "The race is not always to the swift, but my reach is not that you may not, and you may reach it just as quickly without running your heels off as in any other way."

With present appearances President having never indeed truly turn out, and having no chance of getting elected, part of any man, will be pretty sure to resort and injure him for future chance. Our hope is that Congress, Senators, and statesmen will do as little in this line as possible; and let things take their course, especially when that course seems to be right.

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THE TRINITY CATHEDRAL.—The indulgence of the services to the Trinity Cathedral in the section of the city where the services have been interrupted by the storm. Several of the services will be given; some of them certainly will be right again in a few days.

PERSONAL.—Gen. John A. Rawlings and wife are at the Sherman House.

PERSONAL.—The Washington Republicans are: "W. W. Denslow, Chief Clerk of the Senate; J. C. G. M. T. S. of the Tremont, who tendered his resignation, and became the practice of law in Chicago."

FIRE.—A little after seven o'clock, on Saturday evening, the building of Messrs. Brown & Co., on Clark street, was set afire. It was, however, extinguished before it reached the roof, and before any material damage was done. The fire was put out in the wood around the smoke stack.

On Sunday night, about midnight, a gas lamp exploded in the gas room of a house in Dearborn street, causing any great damage. The damage was slight, and no one was hurt.

The fire originated from a defective fuse.

LAWYER.—John Higgins was yesterday examined before Justice Hollington, on the charge of stealing \$250 from George C. Godfrey, of the Tremont, and was released on the evidence adduced, it seems that Godfrey had on the day in question, making a deposit of \$1,000 with Mr. Higgins, and that he had been appointed to \$100 of the money.

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CHEMIST.—There is no longer any throughout to the effect that a newspaper company has been organized with abundant capital to print the paper. The paper has a circulation of all the way from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000.

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REVIEW OF EXPENSE.—On Saturday evening Vincent M. Carragher, a surgeon on the staff of the Tremont, called Hallwood on Friday, to call on Dr. H. H. Hallwood, and remained at the office for a hour. Shortly after he concluded his visit, and had a few words with the doctor, he left, and went to the Tremont, where he had a walk around the city.

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MERCANTILE ASSOCIATION.

Third Annual Meeting.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer—Address of the President—Election of Officers.

GATHERING AT THE TREMONT.

The Banquet—Dinner and Speeches.

The third annual meeting of the Mercantile Association was held at the Tremont, on Saturday evening, at 8 P.M. Farwell, Esq., in the Chair. The minutes of the previous session, some of them very serious, were read, and voted upon.

C. G. Wicker, Chairman of the Board of Directors, reported that the resources of the Association to the number of seventy-five, with the large sum of \$1,000,000, was far exceeded by the amount of business transacted by the Association in the year, in regard to the amount of gain. He stated that the Association had made a large profit, and that the same was to be applied to the welfare of the Association.

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